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H.B. No. 282

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to education and training for peace officers regarding trauma-informed interviewing of victims of sexual assault or other sex offenses.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 1701.253, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Subsection (p) to read as follows:

(p) As part of the minimum curriculum requirements, the commission shall establish and require an officer to complete a statewide comprehensive education and training program on trauma-informed interviewing of victims of sexual assault or other sex offenses. An officer shall complete the program not later than the second anniversary of the date the officer is licensed under this chapter or the date the officer applies for an intermediate proficiency certificate, whichever date is earlier.

SECTION 2. Not later than January 1, 2020, the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement shall establish the comprehensive education and training program required by Section 1701.253(p), Occupations Code, as added by this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.